

**Activity: Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures**

Program Components	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 CR	FY 2008			Change From FY 2007 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures (\$000)*	24,632	14,800	0	-4,800	10,000	-4,800
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<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	5	5	0	0	5	0
Impact of the CR		[+200]		[-200]		

\*A portion of the Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures program appropriation for FY 2006 and FY 2007 could be applied toward the Grants-in-Aid to Preserve America program. These amounts are not included here and are instead shown under the Preserve America Activity.

**Summary of FY 2008 Program Changes for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures**

Request Component	(\$000)	FTE	Page #
• Reduce Support for Save America's Treasures Program	-4,800	0	HPF-16
• Impact of the CR	[-200]	0	HPF-16
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-4,800</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Impact of FY 2007 Continuing Resolution (-\$200,000)**

The FY 2008 budget restores the priorities of the FY 2007 President's budget by funding FY 2007 programmed fixed cost increases, eliminating unrequested FY 2006 congressional earmarks, and implementing the program enhancement and program reduction initiatives included in the FY 2007 President's budget.

**Mission Overview**

The Save America's Treasures program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources.

**Justification of FY 2008 Program Changes**

The FY 2008 budget request for the Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures program is \$10,000,000 and 3 FTE, a net program decrease of \$4,800,000 from the FY 2007 President's Budget.

**Support the Save America's Treasures Program (-\$4,800,000)** – The National Park Service is proposing a \$10 million funding level for the Grants in Aid to Save America's Treasures program in FY 2008. This funding level is commensurate with the FY 2006 enacted and FY 2007 bill levels for the competitive grant portion of the program. Approximately 55 competitive grants will be awarded at the FY 2008 requested level. The maximum grant application amount is expected to be approximately \$700,000. Museum collections projects will be ranked by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities or the Institute for Museum and Library Services, while the National Park Service will rank historic structures projects. Selection factors include the significance of the property or collection, the threat to the continued existence of the property or collection, the suitability of the proposed work in addressing threats, the appropriateness of the proposed budget, and the likely availability of the required matching share.

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## Program Overview

The Save America's Treasures program provides grants to preserve nationally significant heritage resources. By preserving important assets such as buildings, films, books, and records, the program enables the long-term conservation of America's cultural heritage.

Save America's Treasures (SAT) funding is used to support projects to preserve irreplaceable monuments of American heritage for future generations, and to make them more accessible to scholars and the public through exhibits, traditional publications, and Internet websites. Projects include the preservation of historic buildings, districts, archeological sites, papers, books, records, films, art, sculpture, statues, and any other intellectual expression representing the significant achievement of American culture. These projects may feature the conservation of historical and museum objects; collections of American paintings or photographs; the writings of a famous American author, playwright, or songwriter; and individual historic buildings, or archeological sites of national significance.

From FY 1999 through FY 2006, Congress appropriated \$256.9 million for the Save America's Treasures grant program. Over 935 matching grants have been, or are in the process of, being awarded to Federal agencies, State, local and tribal governments, and non-profit institutions. All grants, including those awarded to Federal agencies, require a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal matching share. Grants have been awarded in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Approximately 70 percent of the grants have been awarded to historic structures, and 30 percent to museum collections.

- ① Find more information online about Save America's Treasures grants, including details of individual awards, at [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg)

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## FY 2008 Program Performance

With the base FY 2008 funding, the program can award approximately 55 grants. The performance contributed to goals will not be known until the grant proposals are seen. Previous project accomplishments for FY 2006 include:

- The Farnsworth House, National Historic Landmark, in Plano, Illinois is one of only three private residences in the United States designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. The grant award of \$137,630 to the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois will assist with the cost of flood abatement measures and exterior repairs.
- The post-presidential Working Office of Harry S. Truman in Independence, Missouri, is where he wrote letters, speeches, a book, and met with distinguished visitors. The grant award of \$125,000 to the Harry S. Truman Institute for National and International Affairs will be used to conserve the office and its contents.



*Farnsworth House, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe,*

- The Cyclorama, the colossal circular painting of the Battle of Gettysburg will receive a \$200,000 grant to the Gettysburg Foundation to conserve the painting of Pickett's Charge, part of the Cyclorama.
- William F. ("Buffalo Bill") Cody owned the Sheridan Inn in Sheridan, WY. This National Historic Landmark, built in 1892, is where he created many of his Wild West Shows. The \$350,000 grant to Sheridan Heritage Center, Inc. will be used to address structural problems.

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## Performance Overview

See Performance Overview table at end of Historic Preservation Programs: Grants-in-Aid to States and Territories section.

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